



**Beth Anne Shirley**

November 10, 1981 - June 7, 2023

Celebrating the Life of  
**Beth Anne Shirley**  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 11:00 a.m.  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
Nederland, Texas

Greeting, Obituary, and Prayer  
Reverend Jim Johnson

*“Amazing Grace”*  
Seth Franke

Remembering Beth Anne  
Will Franke

Gospel Presentation  
Seth Franke

*“I Will Rise”*  
Seth Franke

Message

Closing Prayer  
Dr. Jordan Rogers



Our beloved **Beth Anne (Franke) Shirley**, 41, of Lumberton, went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2023, following a lengthy illness. Our lives will never be the same without her smiles, love, encouragement and humor.

She leaves behind many to grieve her absence: her sons, Phoenix Shirley, of Conroe, Jacob Resch, of Hawaii, and Triston Shirley (and Clarissa) of Pearland; parents, Russell and Darlyne Franke of Nederland; sisters, Shayna

Schofield (Justin), of Lumberton, and Lisa Lyons (Joshua) of Lumberton; brothers, Will Franke (Julie) of Friendswood, and Seth Franke (Dana) of Nederland; a host of nieces and nephews that she loved dearly, along with their precious families: Jaython Lyons, Alex Franke, Joey Gonzalez, Jada Gonzalez, Caylin Riley, Hunter LaBarge, Andrew Franke, Harleigh LaBarge, Hennasey LaBarge, Adley Franke and Ellie Franke; and her special person Travis Batiste.

Beth was preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Altha Weeks, and Mattie Sue King.

On November 10, 1981, on a Tuesday afternoon, God gifted the Franke family with a beautiful, loving, adventurous baby girl named Beth Anne. She was proclaimed to be “Beff Anne Bwayby” by her 2-year-old sister, Shayna, on the day she came home from the hospital, and that name stuck with her thru the years to come. As she grew, her Dad nicknamed her “Beefy”, which she loved.

Beth was the fourth child born into the Franke clan, and she brought her own unique spark into the family mix. She was bright, and curious about EVERYTHING!!! She was very loving and cuddly, and also a little sassy, with very definite opinions that she was not slow to share. She had a big, infectious smile that lit up her surroundings. She always looked for the good in each person and found reasons to be happy. She had a God-given knack for spotting people that felt alone or excluded and making them

her newest friend. She loved everyone and adored all animals. Her heart was very compassionate, and full of love.

Beth Anne loved school (both the learning and social aspects), and she excelled in it. She enjoyed all things athletic. She played softball and was an all-star pitcher. She loved gymnastics, and also singing with her sisters in the “Melody Makers” group.

Beth grew up in Hillcrest Baptist Church and gave her life to the Lord at the age of 10. She was not bashful about telling others about the Lord and sharing His love in a gentle way.

She loved to travel, and all things adventurous. She was a fan of Dr. Who and frequently binged multiple episodes. Beth attended Lamar University and obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She was very proud of this, but she considered her most fulfilling enterprise to be raising her three sons, Triston, Phoenix and Jacob. Nothing gave her more joy, pride, and thankfulness than her boys!!! Homeroom Mom activities, planning parties, helping with school, and telling her sons about Jesus occupied the majority of her time as an adult, up until she became ill with Lupus and Ehlers Danlos Syndrome eight years ago. On her good days, she liked nothing better than to do fun things with her sons and her family.

During the course of her illness, though she had frequent very painful days, she reached out to the Lord for strength, and tried to maintain a cheerful outlook. She continued to be a source of love, kindness and humor to those around her, even when in the midst of suffering.

We would have loved to have kept Beth with us for many, many more years, but God knows all things, and always has a plan that is far superior to ours. We may not always understand, but we know and trust His heart and His all-knowing wisdom. Isaiah 55:8-9 says “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.” God spared Beth’s life many, many times prior to her homegoing, and we are most thankful for the years He gave us with her.

















## Ephesians 2:8

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*











## **Pallbearers**

Triston Shirley	Hunter LaBarge
Phoenix Shirley	Andrew Franke
Jaython Lyons	Justin Schofield
Alex Franke	Will Franke
Joey Gonzalez	Seth Franke

## **Interment**

Oak Bluff Memorial Park  
Port Neches, Texas

## **Memorial Contributions**

Hillcrest Baptist Church Mission Outreach  
3324 Park Drive  
Nederland, Texas 77627  
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Humane Society of Southeast Texas  
2050 Spindletop Ave  
Beaumont, Texas 77705  
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Lupus Research Foundation  
9250 Lincoln Street Northeast  
Blaine, Minnesota 55434  
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Ehlers Danlos Research Foundation  
1829 Reisterstown Road, Suite 100  
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

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